

AT THE CLUB-

THE WILLIAMS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2001

SIXTH ANNUAL
WILLIAMS CLUB
FACULTY FORUM

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MEMBERING

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AT THE
PHILHARMONIC



Friday, March 16th
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Performance at 8:00 PM
Seating is limited.
(See P3 for more information...)

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Thursday, March 15th

evening cocktails begin at 6:30 PM. Dinner and Murder at 7 PM. An elegant four-course dinner prepared by our award-winning Executive Chef Christopher James. The night will be filled with suspense, high action-drama and criminal adventure with a lethal dose of comic relief brought to you by Murder Mystery, Inc. Whoever cracks the murder case will receive a special prize and there will also be awards for best actor and actress chosen from among the audience.

Each member must invite a friend (not necessarily a club member) of the opposite sex when reserving. Dress is business casual. Cancellation deadline March 8th at 5:00 PM. Price is \$75 inclusive.

THE GOURMET

Easter Brunch, Cigar Dinner... P2

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Yo-Yo Ma, The Lion King... P3

CAREERS & BUSINESS

Be Your Own Executive Coach with Peter deLisser... P3

THE GOURMET TASTE

Easter Brunch

Easter Sunday, April 15th

1:00 PM Seating

SOUP

Oxtail Consomme with Pumpkin Ravioli
Chilled Sweet Pea Soup with Lobster

APPETIZERS

Williams Club Seafood Bar
Smoked Fish Display
Grilled Vegetables with Truffle Oil
Poached Asparagus Confit
Montrachet & Beets with Braised Fennel
Grilled Marinated Squid & Arugula
Steamed Vegetable Terrine
Organic Baby Greens

ENTREES

Atlantic Salmon Display with Spinach Strudel
Petit Filet Mignon Rossini with Foie Gras and Truffles
Roasted Duck with Wild Berry Glaze
Ginger Spiced French Toast with Fruit Compote

STATIONS

Roasted Rack of Lamb with Dijon Herb Crust
Orange Balsamic Glazed Ham
Omelette Station

CHILDRENS MENU

Macaroni & Cheese
Fried Shrimp with Tartar Sauce
Chicken Fingers
Waffles with Pure Maple Syrup

DESSERT

Williams Club Dessert Display

Reservations are required.

Price is \$44; half price for children under 10.

Tax and service are not included.

Cancellations will not be accepted after Wednesday, April 11th.

Please call the Program Manager to reserve. (See Staff Directory P7)

WINES BY THE GLASS FEATURED IN MARCH

Chardonnay
Greg Norman Estates, 1998

Chardonnay
Chateau Souverain, 1996

Pinot Noir
King Estate, 1997

Cabernet Sauvignon
Stonestreet, 1996

Featured wines by the glass are available in the Oakley Dining Room during lunch, and in the evenings at the Whittlesey Lounge.

Annual Cigar Dinner

Tuesday, April 24th

Cocktails at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM

Price is \$65 plus surcharge and tax.

Reservations are required.

COCKTAILS

Featuring Williams Club Martini Bar & Chef's Selection of Hors d'oeuvre

APPETIZER

Grilled Surf & Turf Napoleon
with Porcini Oil

SALAD

Pear Carpaccio with 25 Year
Balsamic Vinegar & Blue Saga Cheese

ENTREE

Roasted Rack of Lamb
with Roasted Garlic Whipped Potato,
Glazed Vegetables and
Red Zinfandel Demi Glace

DESSERT

Coconut Macademia Tart
with Caramelized Bananas
& Cinnamon Sorbet

Each attendee will be given a selection of four premium cigars selected by the Chef to enjoy with dinner or to save for later.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Yo-Yo Ma at the New York Philharmonic

Friday, March 16th

Dinner at 6:00 PM, Performance at 8:00 PM.

Price is \$150.

Includes ticket, dinner and transportation to Lincoln Center.

Seating is limited.

Beloved cellist Yo-Yo Ma journeys along the Silk Road in the world premiere performance of Richard Danielpour's *Through the Ancient Valley*, which explores the tensions that exist between differing musical traditions that include several Persian instruments.

Save the Date! THE LION KING

Wednesday, May 3rd

Dinner at 6:00 PM, Performance at 8:00 PM

Price is \$150. Includes ticket, dinner and transportation to the theater only.

This is the hottest ticket on Broadway, and at the Williams Club. Please call the Program Manager (see station directory P7) by 5:00 PM, Tuesday, April 10th to be entered in the ticket lottery. There will be a limit of four tickets per member. Winners will be picked at random and contacted on Wednesday, April 11th. You don't want to miss this already legendary performance. Call today!

Save the Date!

Julia Bayar, "How to Create the Perfect Home"

Wednesday, April 11th. Cocktails at 6:30 PM, Program at 7:00 PM

Williams Club Member and design professional, Julia Bayar, will talk about the various aspects of interior design, including space planning, color schemes, lighting, furniture and fabric selection, choosing art and antiques and designing specialty rooms. Start writing down your questions and reserve today!

CAREERS & BUSINESS

Peter deLisser '51

"Be Your Own Executive Coach"

Tuesday, March 27th

Reception at 6:30 PM, Presentation at 7:00 PM

Price is \$20 for members and guests.

Includes a signed copy of *Be Your Own Executive Coach*.

Would you like to accelerate your career, at work and at home in 45 days or less? If so, then this talk is just the one for you! Club member Peter deLisser '51 will request you "to accept 100% responsibility for the result of each conversation," then provide you with coaching principles and practice drills to help you reach that goal.

With the experience of ten years as a football coach for Williams College and Columbia University and twenty-five years as a successful business executive, Mr. deLisser wrote *Be Your Own Executive Coach: Master High Impact Communication Skills*. The book contains thirty-six individual coaching stories, each demonstrating a communications principle having direct impact on profit margins and revenues. Mr. deLisser will give an overview of the book's key principles and how to use it as a resource for mastering career accelerating communications.

You do not want to miss this invigorating session, which is sure to foster change in the way you do business. Through his company *Responsible Communications*, Mr. deLisser serves as an Executive Coach, keynote speaker and team builder for such Fortune 100 companies as Philip Morris, IBM, Pfizer and Business Week. As an added bonus, you'll be able to take home

SOCIAL

East Meets West

Happy Hour

Wednesday, March 7th

From 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Price is \$5.

Come to the Club for a little bit of Mandarin, Cantonese and Szechuan cuisine tonight, with dishes prepared by Executive Chef Christopher James. You are sure to enjoy classic dishes like Kung Po Chicken, BBQ Spare Ribs, Shrimp & Vegetable Spring Rolls, and Sesame Balls. Libations will include Tsing Tao beer, rice and plum wine. Relax in the Purple Cow Grill Room and enjoy happy hour prices on all drinks. And if you don't know how to use chopsticks, we'll show you how! Reservations are not required, but are appreciated.

FILM COLLECTIVE

Coffy

directed by Jack Hill

Tuesday, March 13th

Movie starts at 6:30 PM

Price is \$5. Includes movie and refreshments.

Her name is Coffy and she'll cream you! Produced in 1973, this Blaxploitation classic launched the career of Pam Grier and led to an even better-known sequel, *Foxy Brown*. Pam Grier plays a nurse whose sister has been hooked onto drugs by the local mob. Out for vengeance, Coffy is as bad as *Dirty Harry* and as clever as James Bond. An inspiration to movie fans then and now (see Quentin Tarantino's *Jackie Brown*), Coffy still entertains in today's revamped hip-hop world. Made in 1973. Not rated. Running time is 91 minutes.

MOVIE VOUCHERS

The Williams Club offers members discounted ticket vouchers for all Loews, Sony, Sony Imax, Loews Imax, Cineplex Odeon, Magic Johnson, and Star theaters nationwide!

TO ORDER: Call the Williams Club Program Manager, Leah Jackson at (212) 697-5300 x203. We'll send you the vouchers (or leave them for you to pick up) and charge it to your Club account. A great deal!

Limit of 10 vouchers per month per membership account.

SIXTH ANNUAL WILLIAMS CLUB FACULTY FORUM (RE)MEMBERING RELIGION

Saturday, March 31st, 2001

This year we present a Faculty Forum unlike any that have come before. This year's forum focuses on Religion, a topic that has lately become a lightning rod for controversy in the public arena, where discussions end with few, if any, agreement. (Re)Membering Religion is an attempt to examine our current notions of and about Religion in the year 2001. Where and when is religion a part of our world? How do we understand it? Has religion become a marketing tool? A political weapon? A means of identification above all others? Are any of these issues particular to the current era, or have we been going over the same ground since Ancient Egypt?

The Williams Club has invited four faculty members from Williams College to spend a day at the Club to lend their own perspectives and ways of thinking about Religion to the discussion. The topics they have chosen to focus on are each intriguing in a singular way: Ownership of a Sacred site in Jerusalem, American Apocalypse, Faith and Reason, and the little-discussed notion of Piety. Taken together, these four topics will help to answer some of our questions about religion, and also propose new questions we have yet to ask. Come to the Williams Club for a day of open-minded conversation, thought-provoking ideas, and an opportunity to stop the world for a few hours and contemplate what makes it turn.

IMAGINING AMERICAN APOCALYPSES

BRAD VERTER, Visiting Asst. Professor in American Religion

"They all laughed at Christopher Columbus when he said the world was round": George and Ira Gershwin are not alone in remembering the great explorer as the preeminent rationalist of his day, an uncompromising man of science. But Columbus saw his discovery as the fulfillment of biblical prophecy, and a certain sign of the end of the world. "God made me a messenger of the new heaven and the new earth of which he spoke in the Apocalypse of St. John after having spoken of it through the mouth of Isaiah," he explained in a letter to Ferdinand and Isabella, "and he showed me the spot where to find it."

Since Columbus's day, people have imagined America in eschatological terms as the great battleground of the hosts of Light and Darkness, or as the earthly plot slated for the development of God's heavenly kingdom. What attracts people to millenarian theology? What is it like to live in anticipation of the imminent end of the world? What are the political and social ramifications of apocalyptic belief? And how do people cope when the events they expect fail to occur? Today we shall survey developments in American apocalyptic discourse from the colonial period, through the millenarian movements of the 19th Century, to such recent phenomena as the Y2K virus and the recent rash of alien abductions.

IN WHOSE HANDS?

The Temple Mount/al-Haram al-Sharif in Jerusalem

WILLIAM DARROW, Jackson Professor of Religion

When Israeli army commander Mota Gur radioed during the Six Day War in 1967 that "The Temple Mount is in our hands!", he opened the latest chapter in the 5000 year history of this singular piece of real estate. We will examine in broad outlines the history of the cults, conquests and contestation that have defined this piece of territory and explore its meaning for Jews, Christians and Muslims. We will pay special attention to the differing assumptions about holiness and sanctity and that each of these religious communities makes and the way in which those claims both exclude and include those of the others. Finally we will consider the relatively new idea of national sovereignty that has been added to this longer history and what effect it has for understanding this dimension of the current impasse in the Middle East. While we will certainly give attention to the current situation regarding this

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

8:00-9:00
BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

9:15
OPENING REMARKS
WILLIAMS CLUB PRESIDENT
EDWIN WIGGERS '90

9:30 CLASS PERIOD 1
10:45 CLASS PERIOD 2

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 CLASS PERIOD 3
2:15 CLASS PERIOD 4

RESERVATIONS

Price is \$50 for members,
\$80 for non-members and guests.

Contact Leah Jackson the
Program Manager (see Directory
P7) to reserve, or for additional
information.

Cancellation deadline is
12:00 Noon
Wednesday, March 28th

place, our primary concern will be to understand what salience the 'religious' dimensions of this contested space has and what it tells us about the continuing relevance of religion in a presumably secular world.

(RE)MEMBERING FAITH, IN THE AGE OF REASON

WILLIAM DUDLEY, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Is it possible for a rational person to have religious faith? Most often faith and reason are thought to be antithetical: if rational grounds can be provided to support a particular knowledge claim (for example, by developing an argument that proves the existence of God), then faith is unnecessary; conversely, if faith is the basis for a particular knowledge claim, then this amounts to an admission that no rational grounds of support are available. In other words, it seems that either one can be rigorously rational - accepting as true only what can be demonstrated on the basis of empirical evidence and argument - or one can accept the truth of certain claims on faith, but only at the cost of admitting to irrationality.

This dilemma remains compelling today, but it was first and most powerfully articulated by the great European thinkers of the 18th century. Defenders of the Enlightenment firmly rejected irrationality, so those who also rejected atheism strove to produce sound arguments for the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. Skeptics insisted that these arguments all failed, and that atheism is therefore a necessary consequence of a commitment to reason that disdains all faith. Kant, however, suggested a third possibility: namely, that faith itself might be rational. He argued, in other words, that even if religious claims cannot be proven, reason nonetheless commands us to adopt a certain form of faith.

In this class we will examine the relationships between faith, reason, and religion, by means of a consideration and discussion of passages from some of the most important works of Spinoza, Hume, Lessing, Jacobi, Kant, and Kierkegaard.

PIETY

PETER JUST, Associate Professor of Anthropology

"Pious" is one of those adjectives that can be used both to praise and condemn someone. Most of us, I think, would feel quite uneasy if we had heard that someone had referred to us as "pious." The ambiguity of the term and our ambivalence toward the phenomenon turns, for the most part, on suspicions that the "pious" person's behavior is insincere. We worry that what we are seeing is a calculating attempt to crest the moral high ground cheaply, without the emotional investment of true piety, that it is a cynical deployment of what F.G. Bailey calls "the tactical self." At the same time, however, while one may despise the hypocrite, the person who is truly pious commands our admiration and respect, perhaps even our obedience and loyalty. The game of piety is not one played for low stakes, if, of course, it is a game at all.

PROGRAM & EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

In order to ensure equitable service for all Club members, the Williams Club adheres to the following policy regarding cancellations. Event reservations may be canceled, free of charge by 5:00 PM, two working days prior to the event. Members cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, will be charged the full cost of the event. Out of house ticketed events are non-cancelable. Advanced cancellations for free events are also appreciated. See individual event descriptions for additional restrictions.

INTERCLUB

Casino Night 2001

Friday, March 2nd
From 9:00 PM to 12:00 AM
Price is \$40 per person,
\$50 at the door (cash only; space permitting).
Cornell Club (6 E44th Street)

Enjoy a night to remember at the Cornell Club as you take a gamble while you spin the roulette wheel, double down at the blackjack tables and let the good times roll shooting craps!! The night's proceeds will be donated to a charitable fund. Tickets are strictly non-cancellable and non-refundable.

Summer Share Expo

Wednesday, March 7th
From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Price is \$30 for owners (\$40 at the door) and \$8 for renters (\$10 at the door).
Penn Club (30 W44th Street)

Landlords and share-seekers take note. Those hoping to rent their homes for the season must come to the Expo with photos and fact sheets. Those looking to rent should indicate age group, location preference and the number of people with whom they are willing to share when reserving.

First Annual 80's Safety Dance

Friday, March 23rd, 8:00 PM
Price is \$10.
Yale Club (50 Vanderbilt Avenue)

This spring, the Yale Club wants to bring you back to the decade of decadence. Ivy Club members and their guests will be able to wang chung, slow dance to careless whisper, or ght for their right to party! There will be unlimited dancing and plenty of munchies, as well as a cash bar. Reserve in advance to secure a spot at the hottest dance of the year and earn your chance to win a bottle of champagne, to be raded o that evening. Dress is 80's casual.

Penn Spring Art Tours

Chelsea Chic

Saturday, March 24th at 11:00 AM
Price is \$30 per person.
Meet at the Robert Miller Gallery.
(524 W26th Street, bet. 10th & 11th Avenues)

Visit an artist's studio and several of the cutting-edge galleries in the heart of New York's contemporary art scene.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Letter of Introduction Now Required for Yale Club Squash Courts

Effective immediately, any member wishing to use the Yale Club Squash Courts must request a Letter of Introduction to do so. The letter can be made for a maximum of 30 days, but must be sent to the Yale Club in advance of the member's arrival.

Charges for usage of the courts will continue to be billed to the member's account--please note, this is the only case in which a member may bill reciprocal club charges to their Club account.

Letters of Introduction are sent Monday through Friday, during business hours only. Members can request a Letter of Introduction, for this or any reciprocal club, by speaking with Frank Vigorito at (212) 697-5300 x208, or by using the Club's website at williamsclub.org.

New Parking Garage for Williams Club Visitors

Due to an unexpectedly large increase in rates, the Williams Club has chosen to terminate its relationship with the RapidPark parking garage on 39th Street. The Club has formed a new partnership, however, with MHM Parking to insure that members have access to a reliable and affordable parking facility near the Club. The rates for Williams Club members and guests with a validated ticket are:

- Any 12 Hours Monday - Friday..... \$16 tax included
- Any 24 Hours Monday - Friday..... \$20 tax included
- Any 12 Hours Saturday - Sunday..... \$10 tax included

MHM Parking is located on THIRD AVENUE between 37th & 38th STREETS. Please use their facility whenever you choose to drive to the Club. Members may continue to use the RapidPark facility on 39th Street, but there are no longer any special discounts.

FAX-BACK RESERVATION FORM

To make reservations, simply fill out this form by marking the number of tickets you want at the left of each event title, and then send it via FAX to the number listed at the bottom. Your reservations will be confirmed by phone in the order in which they are received. Please review the CANCELLATION POLICY on P5 before reserving. Questions or comments may be directed to Leah Jackson (see Directory P7).

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Member Name: _____

Account Number: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

FAX TO LEAH JACKSON (212) 697-2008.
No cover sheet necessary.

New Hotel Rates

Effective March 1, 2001 the Williams Club overnight hotel rates will follow the schedule below:

MEMBERS RATES

- Single..... \$151
- Double (Single Occupancy)..... \$172
- Double (Double Occupancy) \$188
- Club Level Double..... \$194
- Junior Suite..... \$215

GUEST RATES

- Single..... \$183
- Double (Single Occupancy)..... \$205
- Double (Double Occupancy) \$215
- Club Level Double* \$237
- Junior Suite* \$258

* =Club Level rooms will be held for members only up to 14 days before arrival, after which time they will be available to guests.

Club Website Unveils Updated Services

The Williams Club online website, www.williamsclub.org, is proud to offer members the following services, all available through simple, easy-to-use automated web forms:

- É" LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION
- É" HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS
- É" EVENT RESERVATIONS
- É" BANQUET INQUIRIES
- É" MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS
- É" REVIEW A RECIPROCAL CLUB

Using these forms will immediately send a specially formatted email message to the appropriate Williams Club staff member. Using the website forms insures that your message or information will go directly to the staff member who can most quickly and effectively

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
					Casino Night	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Happy Hour Summer Share Expo			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Film Collective: Coffy		Murder Mystery Dinner	St. Patrick's Day Lunch Buffet Yo-Yo Ma	St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					80's Dance	Penn Art Tour
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Peter DeLisser	Faculty Forum Reservation Deadline			Faculty Forum

NEW

Mr. Alexander Birdsall '00
Miss Marian Brevdo '00
Mr. Matthew Campanelli '00
Mr. Charles G. Carson, III '64
Mr. J. Christopher Conway '89
Ms. Jennifer Curley '00
Miss Megan Doherty '00
Mr. Terence Guerriere '81
Ms. Kathryn C. Kavanaugh '00
Mr. Asako Kinase-Leggett '99
Ms. Rebecca Kummer '00
Mr. Mark Lesniowski '73
Ms. Stefanie A. Liquori '00
Miss Tanya Negeen Pegahi '00
Ms. Denise Joy Ramzy '00
Miss Samatha D Reed '00
Ms. Elizabeth Whitney Reynolds '95
Mr. Robert Weisberg '91
Ms. Stephanie Whitehead '00
Ms. Susan Hertz Khawaja, Pa '04

Mrs. Christina B. Engberg, Bates '90
Miss Maria Alexandra Smith, Bowdoin '00
Ms. Ann D'Antonio Dry, Mount Holyoke '81
Dr. Richard M. Newman, Rutgers '87
Ms. Rachel Page, Skidmore '70
Mr. Paul Werner, St. Lawrence
Dr. Thaddeus E. MacKrell, St. John's '53
Mr. Peter Coccozza, Union '93
Mr. James T. C. Moore, Union '93
Mr. Steven M. Yanez, U of Connecticut '84
Ms. Carla A. Borsotti, Vassar '83
Ms. Ellyn L. Brown, Vassar '72
Mr. Duvand G. Ford, Vassar '98
Miss Mary Boyd Higgins, Vassar '46
Mr. Noah Janssen, Vassar '98
Mr. Michael Joyce, Vassar Fac
Mr. Thomas Bronner, NRC
Mr. Paul Rosen, NRC
Mr. James Ross, NRC
Mr. Seamus Sweeney, NRC

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Are your friends and favorite people members of the Williams Club?

SHOULDN'T THEY BE?

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Easter Brunch

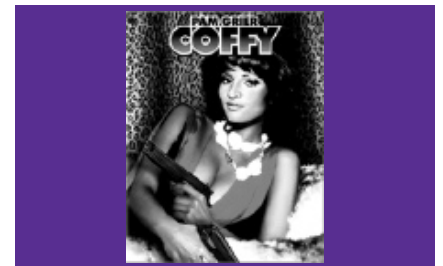
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